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1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF DRAFT "EXPLANATORY
MEMORANDUM" SUBMITTED BY EGYPT, LIBYA, NIGERIA AND
PAKISTAN, ENTITLED "AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI.A.2

(Q) OF IAEA STATUTE "

QUOTE. 1. MEMBERS FROM THE AREAS OF AFRICA, AND
MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA HAVE FELT THAT THE
REPRESENTATION OF THESE TWO AREAS ON THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS OF THE IAEA HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE AND
EQUITABLE. FOLLOWING THE ADMISSION OF MORE STATES
FROM THESE AREAS TO THE AGENCY, THE PROPORTION OF
THEIR REPRESENTATION HAS BECOME EVEN MORE DISPARATE
WITH THAT OF THE OTHER AREAS. THE NEED TO AMEND
THE STATUTE HAS, THEREFORE, ACQUIRED ADDED URGENCY,

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QUOTE. 2. IT MAY BE NOTED FROM THE ATTACHED
TABLE THAT FOR SIX OF THE AREAS THE PROPORTION
OF MEMBERS REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD EXCEEDS
THIRTY PERCENT, THE CORRESPONDING PROPORTION FOR
THE AREAS OF AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH
ASIA IS ABOUT TWENTY PERCENT. EVEN TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE FACTOR OF DESIGNATIONS, THE PRESENT

ALLOCATION OF ELECTIVE SEATS FOR THE TWO AREAS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD, EXPLICITLY STATED IN ARTICLES IV.C. AND VI.A.2(A) OF THE STATUTE.

QUOTE. 3. AS THE MEMBERSHIP INCREASED, THE NEED TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS WAS RECOGNIZED AND THE STATUTE WAS ACCORDINGLY AMENDED. THUS IN 1962 THE BOARD WAS ENLARGED TO 25 AND IN 1970 TO ITS PRESENT SIZE OF 34. EVEN IN 1970, THE REPRESENTATION OF THE AREAS OF AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA WAS DISPARATE WITH THAT OF THE OTHER AREAS. SINCE THEN IMBALANCE HAS BECOME EVEN MORE STRIKING AS A RESULT OF THE ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE AGENCY, MAINLY FROM THESE TWO AREAS.

QUOTE. 4. RECTIFICATION OF THE OBTAINING DISPARITY WILL SERVE THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION. A JUST IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATUTE, ENSURING TO ALL MEMBERS THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS RESULTING FROM MEMBERSHIP, WILL STRENGTHEN THE COMMITMENT OF ALL MEMBERS TO FULFILL IN GOOD FAITH THE OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED BY THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE.

QUOTE. 5. THE PROVISION IN ARTICLE VI.A.2(A)
BARING THE REELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD
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OF GOVERNORS IN THE SAME CATEGORY, APPEARS TO DEPART FROM THE GENERAL PRACTICE IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE DESIRABILITY OF ROTATION IS RECOGNIZED. BUT THE RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO REELECT THE SAME MEMBER SHOULD NOT BE DENIED TO THEM.

QUOTE. 6. IT IS PROPOSED THAT ARTICLE VI.A.2(A) MAY BE AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AREA OF AFRICA (FROM FOUR AT PRESENT) TO SEVEN, AND FOR THE AREA OF MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA (FROM TWO AT PRESENT) TO FOUR. ALSO THE BAR ON REELECTION MAY BE DELETED.

QUOTE. 7. THE PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN FEBRUARY 1977. UNQUOTE.

2. TABLE REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 OF TEXT BEING
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